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METHOD, MEDIUM ON WHICH HEAT TREATMENT
PROGRAM IS RECORDED, AND STEEL PRODUCT

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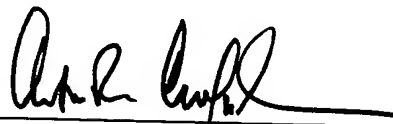
Japanese reference 9-170021 is referred to at page 3, line 12 of the instant application specification.

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